Amendments to the Specification

In the Specification, on page 1, directly after the title, please insert the following paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority to United States Provisional Patent Application 60/477,460, filed February 14, 2003.

In the Specification, please replace the paragraph located on page 12 at lines 10-16 with the following replacement paragraph:

Standard procedures are used to construct each mART allele, including those in constant use in our laboratory ~~([1-11], *App. 2,3*)~~ (1-11). Typically, the DNA sequence of each component of a proposed DNA vaccine is downloaded and a plasmid construction strategy is generated using Clone Manager® software version 4.1 (Scientific and Educational Software Inc., Durhan NC). This software enables the design PCR primers and the selection of restriction endonuclease (RE) sites that are compatible with the specific DNA fragments being manipulated.